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## HETEROGENEOUS NETWORK FILE ACCESS ABSTRACT

A method for a client to access data files residing on a first data server through a network includes coupling a heterogenous proxy server to the first data server through a first local network protocol, selectively receiving at the heterogeneous proxy server a data file from the first data servers by employing the first local network protocol, translating the data file into a format compatible with transmission through the network, and transmitting the translated data file to the client across the network.